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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Harris *et al.*

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For: Polypeptides Having Phospholipase B Activity And Nucleic Acids Encoding Same

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, insert before line 6 the following:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 09/426,072 filed October 21, 1999, which application is fully incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-50 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 51-70 as follows:

51. An isolated nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide having phospholipase B activity, selected from the group consisting of: